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1. The Strachowice (Schöngarten) airfield is located about 9 km. west of Wrocław (Breslau - 51° 06' N 17° 02' E). There is both a Polish and a Soviet unit stationed on the airfield. The Polish unit, [redacted] is believed to form part of a Warsaw air regiment and is approximately of squadron strength. The squadron leader is Major (fnu) Lipski, a Pole. This squadron has 12 MIG-9's, 4 YAK-15's and 5 PE-2's at its disposal. The Soviet unit consists of several officers and OR (sic); they have 5 twin-motor TB's and 2 other unidentified aircraft. 50X1-HUM
2. All Polish pilots must, at the conclusion of a practice flight, hand over the distributor finger (verteilerfinger) of the distributor to the commandant of the airfield.
3. The old airfield at Malbork (Marienburg) in East Prussia has been substantially enlarged during 1951. The airfield was extended by 2,000 meters in length and 800 meters in width. The work was performed by the firm G.D.O. (Gdanska Drukarnia Odbudowy). 50X1-HUM
4. All earthworks were completed by June 1951, and a concrete runway in the middle of the airfield was then also approaching completion; the latter runs at an angle slightly south of an east-west direction. Hangars were under construction. Their number and location are not known. The construction was often inspected by a Russian colonel.
5. This airfield was occupied by a Polish unit; 30 PE-2 bombers and a few IL-2's were stationed there. Intensive practice flying was noted and aircraft were seen to take off and land on the completed portion of the runway. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] on completing extensions of this airfield, all personnel engaged on this work would be transferred to Pruszcz-Gdansk (Praust) in order to build a new airfield at Pszczolki (54° 10' N, 18° 42' E).

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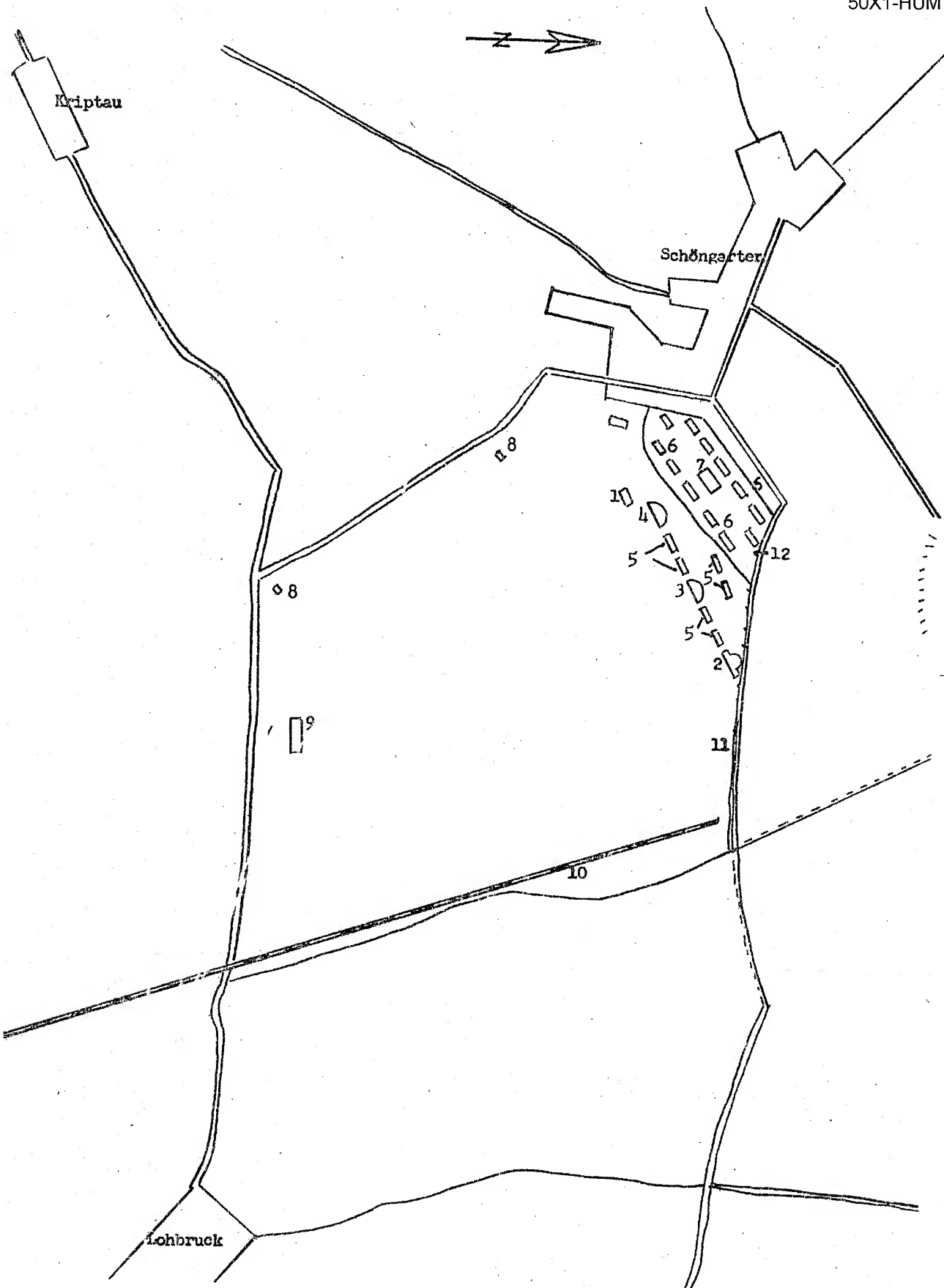
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1. Commandant's office.
2. Hangar with a vaulted roof made of thin metal plate about 100 x 150 meters.
3. Corrugated iron hangar about 60 x 80 meters.
4. Corrugated iron hangar about 80 x 100 meters.
5. Corrugated iron hangars about 60 x 80 meters.
6. About 12 single-story barrack buildings.
7. Kitchen and canteen.
8. Portable radar set.
9. Shooting range for aircraft practice.
10. Railway siding.
11. Wall about 2 meters high.
12. Entrance to airfield and guard room.

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